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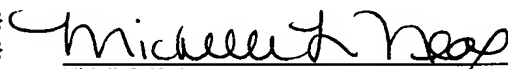
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Each of the references cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited during the prosecution of related U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/597,124, filed June 20, 2000, and 09/322,532, filed May 28, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,168,583 issued January 2, 2001. Accordingly, copies of there references are believed to be available to the Examiner. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), additional copies of these references are not being submitted herewith.

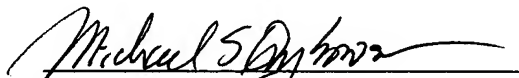
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